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SUBJECT: NEW MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO FAO

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REPORTING SINCE LAST DECEMBER --
THAT MEXICAN FOREIGN POLICY UNDER PRESIDENT JOSE LOPEZ
PORTILLO WOULD BE CHARACTERIZED BY A REDUCTION OF ANTI-
US RHETORIC AND OF UNNECESSARY IRRITANTS IN US-MEXICAN
CONTACTS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT
DIFFERENCES IN SUBSTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES,
ESPECIALLY ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, WILL CONTINUE SINCE OUR
INTERESTS ARE OFTEN DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF MEXICO,
WHICH CONSIDERS ITSELF A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY. THE
APPOINTMENT OF DRA. RIVERA, WHO IS PRIMARILY A PROFES-
SIONAL RATHER THAN A POLITICO AND WHO HAS NOT BEEN OUT-
SPOKEN ON IDEOLOGICAL ISSUES, WOULD APPEAR TO FIT INTO
THIS NEW STYLE OF THE GOM.

2. WE CANNOT PREDICT HOW AGGRESSIVE DRA. RIVERA WILL BE
IN PUSHING SUCH MEXICAN INITIATIVES AS NIEO AND CERDS,
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BUT WE KNOW THAT THE NEW GOM HAS NO INTENTION OF DROPPING
THESE CONCEPTS FROM ITS MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY. MEXICO
BELIEVES, AS DO MANY OTHER THIRD WORLD NATIONS, THAT
WORLD-WIDE ECONOMIC ISSUES NEED A POLITICAL SOLUTION
RATHER THAN MERELY TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS.

3. AWARE OF THIS GOM PHILOSOPHICAL FRAMEWORK, EMBASSY

SUGGESTS THAT ROME RESERVE ITS JUDGMENT ON THE DOCTORA,
AND CONSULT AND WORK WITH HER IN THE NEW SPIRIT OF MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING, DESPITE DIFFERENCES, THAT HAS IN FACT
CHARACTERIZED US-MEXICAN RELATIONS IN THE PAST FIVE MONTHS.
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